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Abstract of the Disclosure

A method of triggering the exhaust flaps in an exhaust system is used whereby a vacuum storage device is connected via a nonreturn valve to an intake system. The vacuum storage device is connected to an exhaust system via a triggerable solenoid valve (13) in parallel with the intake system. The triggerable solenoid valve is triggerable by an engine control unit. The triggering variable is determined in the engine control unit by at least one engine characteristics map, which includes the rotational speed, engine load and engaged gear.